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Song Bird STEM Science

Crush Disability Stereotypes with STEM Science

Amy Hillcrest, Song Bird's side-kick is a smart, science-minded engineer. (**STEM**) She just happens to be a girl with a disability who invents and designs modifications to her wheelchair.

Amy crushes both girl stereotypes and disability stereotypes



Focus on Amy Hillcrest's character

1. How does Amy improve her wheelchair?

2. How does Amy help Song Bird AKA Rosella Ava Bird?

3. What positive message does Amy give about disability?

4. Name books with positive characters with disabilities

5. Draw Amy in her SUPER wheelchair. Label the SUPER parts.

STEM SCIENCE Super Powers

SPACE ... Hands on STEM Science activities.

- **Build a simple rocket.** How did it launch?
- **Build a simple paper aeroplane.** How does it stay off the ground? How can you make it go faster? ... Higher?...Go further?

<https://au.pinterest.com/vivifystem/space-stem-activities/>

SUPER POWERS ... Hands on STEM Science activities.

- How can SUPER powers be explained by STEM science?
- How does Song Bird fly? How does she lift up off the ground? How does she move?
- How is singing produced by your vocal chords? How is singing explained by science?
- How do you sing louder? higher? Hold a note for longer?
- How could singing shatter windows?
- How did Leonardo da Vinci build his flying machines? How do they work?

STEM ACTIVITIES

1. **Problem solving:** Creative play
eg What can you build with a straw, an elastic band and a paddle pop stick
2. **Inventions...** Science Fair
3. **Paper aeroplanes** Races: best design
4. **Parachute Race**
5. **Force vs Speed** flight acceleration
6. **Space**
7. **History of Flight**

Links: STEM Science & Superpowers

10 Inventions that gave us Superpowers:

<http://scienceonthego.griffith.edu.au/superpowers/>

Science of Super Powers

<http://www.stemfinity.com/The-Science-Of-Super-Powers-Camp>

Science of Superpowers VIDEO <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMhew8yRjvA>

Superpowers on Wiki

http://powerlisting.wikia.com/wiki/Superpower_Wiki